

# California Regional Blueprint Planning Grant

## Fact Sheet

### San Joaquin Valley

(Merced, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare counties)



#### **Project Goal**

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint will create processes and products that support long-range planning for the eight MPOs in the region and that complement the work of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

#### **Project Description and Update**

The Blueprint will identify issues related to future growth and subsequent impacts on the San Joaquin Valley. It will involve participation of local, state, and federal agencies, including organizations and individuals with land use, housing, transportation, environment and economic interests.

Public participation activities have produced visioning documents for each of the eight regions. This includes: goals and objectives, as well as defining evaluation criteria for comparing alternatives. Over the next few months the visioning documents will be presented to their respective governing boards for approval.

GIS traffic modeling tools were updated with traffic and demographic data to develop alternative growth scenarios, and to evaluate each scenario and related impacts.

Subsequently, the Blueprint Modeling Committee hosted a workshop to bring together environmental and resources agencies. The UPLAN Model was run to project status quo growth out to the year 2050. This collaboration between transportation, environmental and resources is intended to achieve a mutual goal of prioritizing areas of avoidance for future urbanization.

Draft performance measures have been identified for the areas of transportation, housing/jobs, air quality, agriculture land conservation, mass transit, and environmental conservation.

<b><u>Grant Award</u></b>	<b>\$2,000,000 for FY 2005/2006</b>
	<b><u>\$1,950,000 for FY 2006/2007</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,950,000</b>

## **Products**

- Establish Local and Regional Institutional Framework
- Develop Local and Regional Community Outreach Plans
- Establish Modeling Group and Create Valley-wide Modeling Tools
- Implement Blueprint Planning Process: Vision, Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures
- Recommend a preferred scenario and implementation strategies that address growth in the San Joaquin Valley and the eight individual counties
- Long -range transportation plans for the region

The final product will consist of a recommendation of a preferred scenario and implementation strategies that address growth in the San Joaquin Valley and the eight individual counties. The recommendations will be incorporated into the long-range transportation plans for the region.

## **Who Benefits**

Both the public and private sectors including businesses and agriculture, travelers through the region, as well as residents of the San Joaquin Valley, will benefit from development of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint.



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